Re: Norman Borlaug Science Achievement Award

Dear Counselor/Instructor

The University of Minnesota’s College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Alumni Society would like to recognize an outstanding junior in your school for their scientific achievement. In 2005 the Society established an award known as the Norman Borlaug Science Achievement Award (Junior Book Award), and each year we select a thought-provoking book to present to a student matching the award’s criteria.

Dr. Norman Borlaug was a CFANS graduate and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on developing disease resistant wheat. He is credited with saving over a billion people from starvation and for providing a blueprint for countering today’s resurgence in global hunger. He is a prime example of how one individual can use his or her talent and scientific rigor to change the world. We believe his story can inspire future generations of scientists and scholars to pursue their studies in order to find solutions for some of the world’s problems.

The Norman Borlaug Science Achievement Award recognizes a high school junior who has shown a special interest and/or demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of science. We hope that in addition to recognizing the individual’s achievements, this award will encourage further study in the area of agriculture, food or natural resource science. Additionally, the student will receive a $1,000 scholarship from the CFANS Alumni Society upon his/her successful enrollment in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Minnesota.

I am asking your assistance in identifying a junior in your school that has shown academic achievement in the area of science as well as having demonstrated two or more of the following characteristics:

- Shown a strong interest in food science, agriculture science or natural resource science.
- Has accumulated an outstanding academic record
- Notable involvement in school and community activities

I hope that I could recognize the student with the presentation of a book at an awards assembly or other appropriate event this spring.

To participate:
1. Please identify a student and submit the book recipient information form on our website at: z.umn.edu/bookrecipient
2. Email or contact me to notify me of the date of the high school awards assembly or some appropriate time to present this award.

I look forward to working together with the school to recognize an outstanding student with an interest in science.

Sincerely,